



End of
Season
2003



Inspirational garden walks, exciting travel tours, educational classes, blistering hotline, bountiful beautification, continuing community service and the joy of interacting with kindred spirits of the earth and garden. This has been the summer of 2003.

A hearty welcome to all 2003 MSU Extension Master Gardener volunteers, you are in good company. This season more than 250 MG's reported hours. The total number of hours showed a significant 18% increase over hours reported in 2002.

***Following are lists of Certified Macomb MSUE Master Gardener Volunteers whose efforts were acknowledged at the Volunteer Recognition banquet this past November.
Congratulations and Thank You for your time and effort!***

2003 Advanced MSUE Master Gardeners

Congratulations for completion of 25 additional training hours as well as 90 or more community service hours

Advanced Master Gardener

Ms. Judith Ann Anne
Ms. Sue Archambault
Mr. Greg Beels
Ms. Linda Marie Billings
Mrs. Amy Boekamp
Mrs. Phyllis Cinco
Mr. Craig Davis
Ms. Scarlett Dawson

Ms. Patricia DeMaire
Ms. Jenny Depa-Karl
Ms. Louise Fecko
Ms. Laurel Fowler
Mrs. Judith Rae Gant
Mr. Robert L. Gongle
Ms. Margaret Goral
Ms. Dianne Granthen
Ms. Esther Harris
Mr. John B. Horton
Mrs. Debra Harrison

Ms. Sharron Hovey
Ms. Cynthia A. Idyle
Ms. Loretta Macklem
Ms. Judy Ann Mathews
Mr. Peter McInnes
Ms. Doris Merritt
Ms. Linda A. Michon
Mrs. Linda O'Herron
Ms. Sharon R. Patrick
Mr. Joseph E. Sakowski
Mrs. Patricia A Schmeiser

Ms. Denise Schultz
Ms. Anna Schwarz
Ms. Nancy Sisco
Mrs. Karen J. Small
Ms. Patricia Taggart
Ms. Deborah Walker
Ms. Janet Wilson
Mrs. Erika Zoller

2003 Basic MSUE Master Gardener Certification

Congratulations for completion of the basic training as well as 40 or more hours of community service

Mr. John Anklam
Ms. Sue Archambault
Ms. Linda Arlington
Mr. Ralph P. Ash
Ms. Valorie A. Bakker
Ms. Kathleen Betke
Ms. Linda Marie Billings
Mr. Mitchell Bismack
Ms. Andrea C. Blach
Ms. Tracy Boos
Mr. Kurt Wm. Borngesser
Ms. Diane Brazen
Mr. John B. Bruff
Ms. Carol Buchkowski
Mr. Terrence Buchkowski
Mr. Peter Bungart Jr.
Ms. Stacy J. Burden
Ms. Sally Ciavone
Ms. Cheryl Cannon
Ms. Mildred K. Cannon

Ms. Susan Conti
Ms. Valerie Corbett
Ms. Scarlett Dawson
Ms. Patricia DeMaire
Mr. Dan Dempsey
Ms. Marsha Sue Egbert
Ms. Denise Emery
Ms. Carol Gabbard
Ms. Paula Gaiser
Ms. Lenora Marie Gambill
Ms. Nannette L. Gearhart
Ms. Margaret Christine Goral
Ms. Dianne Margaret Granthen
Ms. Mary Ellen Hale
Ms. Esther Eleanor Harris
Ms. Linda Honeycutt
Ms. Nedra Faye Hunt
Mr. John Hurner
Ms. Donna Imbrunnone
Ms. Joellen M. Johnson

Ms. Sheri Lyn Kanan
Ms. Bernadette Klomp
Ms. Sharon M. Lashier
Mr. Frank Litwinski
Ms. Geraldine L. Marcotte
Mr. Peter McInnes
Ms. Patricia Meldrum
Mr. Dennis Monarch
Ms. Margaret Murray
Dr. Tim Nawrocki
Mr. John Nowakowski
Ms. Patricia O'Connor
Ms. Eileen M. Otto
Mr. Robert Padalino
Ms. Nancy Panther
Ms. Laura Palazzolo
Ms. Linda L. Pegg
Ms. Pamela Ann Pfropper
Ms. Emily S. Phelps
Ms. Julieann L. Rebar

Mr. Alan Rosenthal
Ms. Sharee Schroeder
Ms. Nancy A. Sevakis
Mr. Daniel Jason Sheffer
Ms. Vanna L. Sheffer
Ms. Vanita Skinner
Mr. Michael Joseph Slavik
Ms. Marleen Smith
Ms. Martha M. Sobocinski
Ms. Nancy E. Spittal
Mr. Duane R. Stafford
Mr. Michael Swieczkowski
Ms. Sandra Thomas
Ms. Heather Thrift
Ms. Vivian Jean Tideswell
Ms. Susan Vella
Ms. Cindy Vezinau
Ms. Laurie Ann Wallon
Mr. Henry E. Wells
Mr. Walter J. Zotter

2003

Recertified Master Gardeners

Mr. Paul A. Abrahamson
Ms. Kimberly K Dempsey
Mrs. Beverly B. Aitken
Ms. Judith Ann Anne
Mrs. Catherine E. Apley
Ms. Karen L. Auch
Mr. John Baas
Ms. Henrietta Baczewski
Mr. Robert J Beatty
Mr. Greg Beels
Mrs. Karyn Bertolini
Ms. Sharon Blum
Ms. Barbara Boekamp
Mrs. Amy Boekamp
Ms. Gwen Bresko
Ms. Marianna Browne
Mr. Thomas Burnell
Ms. Rochelle Burtle
Ms. Carol Campanella
Ms. Geraldine Carrick
Ms. Linda Marie Carson
Ms. Kary Case
Ms. Nancy Casler
Ms. Patricia Cencek
Mrs. Karen M. Cimafranca
Mrs. Phyllis Cinco
Ms. Charlotte Ann Colombo
Ms. Veronica Crescenti
Ms. Anne Crotser
Mrs. Karen Ann D'Angelo
Mr. Craig Davis
Mrs. Lucille Day
Ms. Carol Deacon
Mr. Gerald DeMaire
Ms. Jenny Depa-Karl
Ms. Lois Digiantomasso
Mrs. Leslie A. Diliberto
Mr. Robert J. Drummond
Mrs. Sandra DuBay
Mr. Richard B. Dugger
Ms. Janette Duster

Mrs. Janet H. Eschenburg
Mrs. Stacey A. Etherton-Agius
Ms. Carol Flegal
Mr. Richard E. Frank
Mrs. Marynelle H. Gale
Mrs. Judith Rae Gant
Ms. Kathleen Gilmour
Mr. Robert L. Gongle
Mrs. Debra L. Graham-Large
Mrs. Deborah M. Hall
Mr. Richard Hammerick
Mrs. Gerri Hammerick
Ms. Sarah Jane Hanson
Ms. Debra Harrison
Mr. Terry G. Hawkins
Mr. W. C. Hearon
Mr. John B. Horton
Ms. Sharron Hovey
Mrs. Joanne R. Huey
Ms. Cynthia A. Idyle
Ms. Paula Kay Jozwiak
Ms. Ruth Kaminski
Ms. Sharon Karmanowski
Mr. Kurt Kleiner
Mr. Paul Kenward
Mr. Joseph P. Kosiara
Mr. Richard J. Kotulak
Mrs. Diana Kuykendall
Ms. Peggy Ann Lashuay
Ms. Linda Licata
Ms. Delane Lombardi
Ms. Loretta Macklem
Mrs. Shirley M. Martin
Ms. Judy Ann Mathews
Ms. Carol McCracken
Ms. Doris Merritt
Ms. Linda A. Michon
Ms. Lorna Middendorf
Ms. Kathy Mills
Mrs. Theresa M. Mocerri
Mrs. Patricia Mogk
Mrs. Shirley A. Moore
Ms. Charlene Morgan

Mrs. Carolyn M. Nantroup
Mrs. Natalee C. Neely
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Niemi
Mrs. Martha Nitz
Mrs. Linda O'Herron
Mrs. Karen Odam
Mrs. Cathleen A. Pangonis
Ms. Sharon R. Patrick
Ms. Margo Pennefather
Mrs. Daryl S. Peters
Mrs. Marsha K. Phillips
Ms. Kathi Piepenbrok
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Pieper
Mr. Gary R. Pieper
Mrs. Kathryn A. Piwko
Ms. Janet Putman
Mrs. Evelyn J. Riddle
Mr. Morris Ray Riddle
Ms. Carole Robin
Mrs. Joann Roman
Ms. Joann Rivard
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Rowe
Mr. Joseph E. Sakowski
Mr. Suryanarayana K.S. Sastry
Mrs. Patricia A Schmeiser
Ms. Denise Schultz
Ms. Anna Schwarz
Ms. Marcia D. Schwarz
Ms. Pamela Shadik
Ms. Beth Shimon
Ms. Nancy Sisco
Mrs. Karen J. Small
Mrs. Fonzie L. Smeltekop
Ms. Kendra Smith
Ms. Allison Sotnik
Mrs. Mary Jane Starnes
Mrs. Barbara Sztaba
Ms. Patricia Taggart
Ms. Carolyn Taylor
Ms. Leslie Taylor
Ms. Marguerite D. Toles
Ms. Carol D Vernier
Ms. Cindy Vezinau

Ms. Deborah Walker
Ms. Kathy L. Weishaupt
Ms. Donna L. Willey
Ms. Janet Wilson
Mrs. Patricia A. Wise
Ms. Therese Wolf

Ms. Diane Woods
Mrs. Mary Kay Worley
Ms. Sharon Yakaboski
Mrs. Lorraine Zauel
Mr. Norman B. Zauel
Mr. Ron Zemens

Ms. Annette Zielinski
Mrs. Erika Zoller

We apologize for any omission or misspelling of names. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we need to make any corrections or additions.

Master Gardener of the Year 2003

Janet Donovan

Congratulations to Janet Donovan for her recognition as
Macomb MSU Extension
Master Gardener of the Year for 2003.

MG of the Year is awarded based upon dedication to volunteer service to fellow volunteers and Extension and communication with the MG coordinator and the volunteers. Reliability, cooperation, leadership, amiability and flexibility are also qualities that are recognized with this award. The fact that Janet is also creative, artistic and an excellent gardener are added benefits to the community she serves .

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Hours

2000

Joseph Sakowski

500

Gerald DeMaire

Andrea DiPaola

Robert Gogle

Patricia Mogk

Martha Nitz

250

Patricia DeMaire

Marynelle Gale

Gerri Hammerick

Richard Hammerick

Joseph Kosiara

Diana Kuykendall

Peggy Lashuay

Peter McInnes

Elizabeth Pieper

Evelyn Riddle

Ray Riddle

Marcia Schwarz

Nancy Sisco

Barbara Sztaba

Terri Wolf



2003 Green Thumb Recognition

Your outstanding volunteer efforts are recognized
by your fellow Master Gardeners

John Bruff
Dianne Granthen

Macomb MSUE Master Gardeners Remembered

Beverly Deman
Marge Frezza
Kathy Gerritsen
Charlie Jerome

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Marianna Browne
Henrietta Baceszewski
Anne Crotser
Pat Cencek
Karen D'Angelo
Carol Deacon
Patti & Jerry DeMaire
Jim Echout
Louise Fecko
Richard Frank
Marynelle Gale
Dianne Granthen
Pete & Heidi McInnes
Kurt Borngesser and
Alan Rosenthal
of Harry's Garden Center,
Sarah Jane Hansen
Shirley Moore
Ray Weigand's Nursery
Sharee Schroeder

Hallmark/14 & Schoenherr
Joe Sakowski
Ava Stasiak
Carol Vernier
Photo contest participants:
Anne Crotser
Pam Pfropfer
Dianne Granthen
Patti DeMaire
Nancy Panther
Lois Digiantomasso



Mahalo
(Thank You)

THANK YOU TO THE 2003 BANQUET PLANNING COMMITTEE

Henrietta Baceszewski
Pat Cencek
Sarah Jane Hansen
Marynelle Gale
Patti DeMaire

The preparation and attention to detail made this one of the best Master Gardener Volunteer Recognition Banquets ever! It will difficult to top it next year. We are already planning next years festivities. Let us know if you would like to help.



**THE MACOMB MSU EXTENSION
SENDS OUR WISHES TO YOU FOR**

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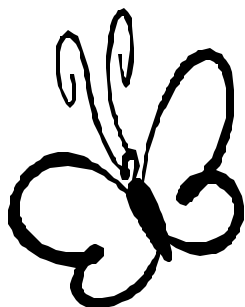
**HAPPY, HEALTHY, SAFE
HOLIDAY SEASON**

**AND THE
NEW YEAR!**

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Help Develop Our First Ever Gardening Program For Youth

The 4-H Horticulture & Environmental Education Developmental Committee is seeking Master Gardener and 4-H volunteers who would like to participate in our first ever youth oriented gardening program scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2004. It will be held here at the Macomb MSU Extension office. The program format would have youth participants rotate through a series of stations at which adult volunteers would teach a horticulture related activity that could be done in a 30-45 minute time period. The primary participants would be 4-H youth of elementary and middle school age, but youth in other Extension programs would also be invited.



If you would like to help plan the event or teach, you are invited to attend a meeting with members of the 4-H Horticulture Developmental Committee to be held at the Extension office on January 13th, 7:30-9 p.m. Call Anne or Roberta in 4-H at (586)469-6431 to let us know you will be attending.

If you would like to help on the day of the event as a Master Gardener Volunteer but can't attend the planning meeting, contact Sandra or Kim to sign up.

Saturday Morning Gardener

9:00 to 11:00am at MSU in East Lansing.*

To register contact Ann Hancock at (517)355-6469.*

- * **Stone in the Landscape**, Jan. 17 cost \$20.00
- * **Orchid Culture**, Feb 28. Cost: \$25.00
- * **Creating Curb Appeal with your Landscape**, March 20. Cost: \$20.00
- * **Beginning Topiary**, April 24. Cost: \$75.00
- * **Make a Container Garden**, May 8. Cost: \$30.00
- * **Field Trip to Dow Gardens**, June 19. Cost: \$25.00

Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor

To register call (734)998-7061*

- * **Island Botanizing**, Jan. 21, 28 and Feb 4. Cost: \$60.00
- * **Awesome Adaptations**, Feb. 3, 17 and Mar 2. Cost: \$60.00

The Spring 2004 Macomb County

MSUE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

will be held on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The program begins January 19, 2004 and runs until March 29. Classes will be held in the Assembly Room of the VerKullen Building located at 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Twp, MI 48036. Classes subject to change. Active MG volunteers plan to check with Sandra or Kim if you would like to audit one or two classes for re-certification credits. Please note: the new students have first priority for seating*

Jan 19	Plant Science
Jan 26	Household Insects
Feb 2	Houseplant Culture
Feb 9	Soil Science
	Intro to Composting
Feb 16	Vegetable Culture
Feb 23	Flower Culture
Mar 1	Turf Care & Culture
Mar 8	Water Quality and Why Wetlands?
Mar 15	Backyard Fruit Culture
Mar 20	Diagnostics/Integrated Pest Mgmt.
Mar 29	Woody Ornamentals



Hidden Lake Gardens, Tipton MI

Registration is required, call (517)431-2060.*

- * **Orchids**, Jan. 17, 2-4 pm. Cost: \$16.00
- * **Perennial for the Connoisseur**, Jan. 20, 6-8pm. Cost:\$16.00
- * **Winter Tree Identification**, Feb. 7, 11am-1:30pm. Cost: \$18.00
- * **Winter Bench Grafting**, Feb. 21, 10am-noon. Cost: \$40.00
- * **Roses for Michigan**, Feb 21, 2-4pm. Cost \$16.00

*Certified Master Gardener Volunteers are required to have 5 educational credit hours annually along with 15 volunteer hours to re-certify and remain active in the program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Michigan Orchid Society would like to extend an invitation to the Master Gardeners of Macomb County to attend a program on Orchids consisting of:

- ♣ A Guided Tour of the numerous Orchids on display at our annual Orchid Show.
- ♣ A Potting Demonstration.
- ♣ A Questions and Answer Period with American Orchid Society Judges answering your questions.

Where: Laurel Park Place Mall

37700 W. Six Mile Rd.

Livonia 48152

When: April 04, 2004

Times: 9:00am to 11:00am or 10:00am to 12:00pm

Registration is limited.

Please send or e-mail: Name Address

Phone & preferred time to:

MOS

22306 Kramer

St. Clair Shores

MI 48080

or e-mail: RosieKiley@AOL.com



Bring your confirmation notice with you for a drawing for a beautiful Orchid.

Contact Sandra or Kim if you would like to sign up to volunteer for this event. They will need help with set up and take down, clean up registration etc.

Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association (MHTA) Conference

Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, 2004 (During ANR Week)

At MSU in the Plant and Soil Science Building.

Featured guest speaker– Mitchell Hewson, HTM, from the Homewood Health Centre in Guelph Ontario. The author of Horticulture as Therapy, Hewson is the Chairman and a founding member of the Canadian Horticultural Therapy Association.

The conference also features a wide selection of hard-to-find books on horticulture and other types of therapy. The full-day Friday program offers a keynote and several workshops including hands-on activities. The Saturday seminar on aromatherapy will be led by Hewson. Registration details will be available at <www.mhtachapter.org> or email chapter president David Houseman at <creative@acd.net>

Macomb County Michigan State University Master Gardener

Gourmet Garden Hour

2003-2004 Season at

Mt. Clemens Public Library

150 Cass Avenue

Mt. Clemens, Michigan

7:00 – 9:00pm

Coffee and dessert will be served during each program.

The programs are free, but pre-registration is required.

Master Gardeners earn 2 education hours for each lecture.

Register in person at the library or phone (586)469-6200

Jan. 7, 2004

Water Gardening

Mar. 3, 2004

Moon Gardening

Feb. 4, 2004

Drought Resistant Plants

April 7, 2004

Perennials

BUDGET CRISIS UPDATE

Much excitement has been generated by Gov. Granholm's suggestion that elimination of MSUE and MAES may be considered as part of the plan to reduce the state deficit. As an active Master Gardener Volunteer you received a letter from our office to help make you aware of the proposal.

I would like to say thank you if you called, emailed, wrote a letter and even just kept us in your prayers. The indication of support for MSUE from the community is heartening. At this writing it appears that the storm is passing and sure enough there is a silver lining to all those dark clouds.

Following is a memo from the State Director of MSU Extension. I am including this here to show you how appreciative we all are of the efforts that were made to help educate our politicians about Extension. Also to share with you some of the plans for future steps that will be taken by Extension to express our thanks, and to re-affirm that your confidence in us to provide vital community-based educational programming is valid.

outcome and ask them to also consider writing notes of appreciation. The tone of our messages needs to follow the same tenor as our request for support. That is, a positive, gracious message that communicates appreciation to our constituents plus our governor and legislature. We will want to have follow-up contact with those that wrote letters in our behalf, elected officials our staff interacted with, the media that provided editorials and feature stories, and groups such as county boards of commissioners that passed resolutions. Materials to support your communication efforts will be distributed to CED's, unit leaders and department chairs later this week or once legislative voting completes the Executive Order process.

Michigan's financial picture still has not realized the economic turn around that other parts of the nation are experiencing. In less than a month the governor and legislature will begin the 2004-05 budget process. Our message must continue to be: no additional cuts - continue to hold the line on protecting these programs.

December 10, 2003

TO: Extension Staff Members, MAES Affiliated Faculty, Chairpersons and Unit Administrators, CANR Faculty, and State Extension and Experiment Station Council Members

FR: Margaret A. Bethel and J. Ian Gray

RE: Governor's Executive Order Released

The Governor released the Executive Order on Wednesday, December 10 to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. The Committees are expected to vote on this order in the near future. MSUE, MAES, and Project GREEN are not listed in the Executive Order for cuts. This is very good news! MSU and higher education are in the Executive Order for cuts of 5 percent, and if universities do not raise tuition, that cut will be reduced to 3 percent. These cuts do not apply to the MSUE or MAES budget lines.

We received overwhelming support from a large number of people representing diverse program interests throughout the state. This grassroots and stakeholder support carried the message loud and clear to all our elected officials. We are thankful that our constituents recognized the value of our programs and spoke out, and that our governor and the legislature listened and responded in such a positive way.

It will be very important for us all to take the time in the next two weeks to thank those who supported us. We will want to advise our constituents about the final

In other news, it has been announced that the Senate will likely take up the Agriculture Enhancement legislation in January. Although MSUE and MAES are not specifically written into the bill, House Bill 4610 provides funding for programming and research on a broad array of local and state issues consistent with the work of MSUE and MAES. We will likely learn more about the Senate version of this bill in coming weeks.

Thanks for your very deliberate and tireless efforts over the last month.

SUCCESSFUL RALLY AT THE CAPITOL

MSU! NO MORE CUTS! That was the chant, heard loud and clear on Thursday. The Coalition of Labor Organizations at Michigan State University hosted a noon-time educational rally on the steps of the Capitol yesterday. I was pleased to be one of the speakers. Other supportive speakers included: MSU Trustees Colleen McNamara and David Porteous; Senators Alan Cropsey, Virgil Bernero and Mike Goschka; Representative Larry Julian; MSU Senior Jared English, Dave Hecker the President of Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel; and Duncan Woodhead, the Vice President of the Graduate Employees Union at MSU. Wayne Cass, President of the Coalition of Labor Organizations at MSU, facilitated the program. The rally speakers shared their concerns about the proposed cuts for higher education and specifically for MSU, MSUE and MAES. Legislators assured those in attendance that they supported the "No More Cuts" stance. The rally was very successful and provided opportunity for local legislators to see and hear from close to 200 concerned MSU administrators, employees, students and citizens.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES



“Ask A Master Gardener... Helping People Grow”

formerly known as

“Let’s Go Gardening” UPDATE:

We couldn’t have done it without you!

Thank you Master Gardener Volunteers. Due to your effort and persistence the Let’s Go Gardening program in 2003 was a huge success.

We had a record number of volunteers who donated a record number of hours at participating garden centers, greenhouses and nurseries. That equates to a record number of people who were helped with their gardening questions and were guided to make more environmentally sound gardening choices. This is a really a great accomplishment! Now we are challenged to do it again next year. Of course we can!

In 2004 we will be using a new name for the service of volunteering in a nursery, garden center or greenhouse. Statewide the program will be called “Ask a Master Gardener...Helping people grow”. This is a more accurate descriptive title for the public service we are providing.

We hope that you will be able to help us again next spring. Next years “Ask a Master Gardener... Helping people grow” Coordinator meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2004, from 6:30 pm until 8 pm. It will be held here at our Assembly room. Please RSVP regarding your attendance at 586-469-6440. A successful program requires lots of support from many people, so bring your new MG friends with you.

Thank you again. Have a safe, peaceful, and beautiful holiday season.

Kimberly Dempsey
Home Horticulture Educator
Ask A MG Project Coordinator

Mark your calendar now for Clinton River/Spillway Bikepath Beautification “year 2004” Project Days

Project day schedule for all three project days is as follows: 8:00am(registration), 8:30am (education), 9:30am to 3:30pm (gardening and cleanup)

Spring Saturday, May 15, 2004

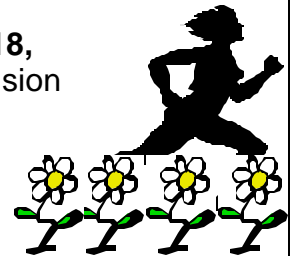
cleaning and planting (coordinated with “River Day” and “Nautical Coast Clean-up” events)

Summer Saturday, July 17, 2004

Garden and tree Maintenance

Fall Saturday, September 18,

2004 Clean-up and plant division (coordinated with the Clinton River Watershed “River Clean Up”)



Questions? Call (586)469-6440

Shadbush Nature Center

(Located in Shelby Twp.)

Looking for Plants for Spring Projects

If you or anyone you know plans to do some dividing next spring, we are in need of herbs, native plants and some perennials for our new areas next year. We will be better organized next year and are anxious to have more helpers, so let us know if you’d like to earn some volunteer hours with us!

Please call us about which plants you have to share, and to put your name on our list to stay updated.

Thanks! See you in the spring.

Dan Farmer, Shadbush Naturalist—
586-323-2478

Dianne Granthen, Project Coordinator—
586-739-6332

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

BULLETIN ORDERING AVAILABLE DIRECTLY FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

You can now order and purchase one or one hundred or your favorite Extension Publications directly from MSU with your credit card.

The new bulletin ordering system is on line and ready for use. The URL is :
<http://web2.msue.msu.edu/bulletins>

Or find the link on our Macomb County MSUE Home Page
[Www.msue.msu.edu/macomb/](http://www.msue.msu.edu/macomb/)

Check out these new publications:

Distinguishing Ash from other Common Trees; MSU Extension Bulletin E-2892, 4 pages include nice black and white photos and line drawings to help you know your ash from a hole in the ground. First copy free.

The Orthoptera of Michigan, Biology, Keys and Descriptions of Grasshoppers, Katydid and Crickets; MSU Extension Bulletin E-2815, 220 pages include fully illustrated keys. \$26.95 plus tax

SPOTLIGHT ON WWW.NGB.ORG

The National Garden Bureau was founded in 1920 to disseminate accurate information on gardening from seed. It is a non-profit organization with limited resources. Previously, all Bureau information was given to garden media or garden writers. This site now offers the same accurate information for you, the avid or novice gardener. If you have a specific garden question, we refer you to our Membership Directory.

The new, 21st century National Garden Bureau website offers ideas plus hands-on information to decorate your outdoor living space with the beauty of flowers and vegetables. Old fashioned and homegrown flowers and vegetables are popular. We offer advice on growing from seed - the old fashioned way. If you don't have the desire to grow from seed, we offer advice on purchasing the best flower and vegetable bedding plants or pre-planted containers. These websites offer abundant information plus some sites will answer specific garden questions. Curious about "All American Selections" Award winners for 2004? This site will like you. Or call Sandra for the September 2003 edition of NGB's Today's Garden.

DTE ENERGY MAKES TREE PLANTING GRANT AVAILABLE

State resource officials today announced applications are available for DTE Energy's tree planting grant program. DTE Energy annually provides tree planting grants as part of its voluntary participation in the US Department of Energy's Global Climate program. A key benefit trees provide is carbon sequestration. Through photosynthesis, trees convert carbon dioxide and water into glucose and oxygen. Planting trees is part of DTE's efforts to reduce carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming. The grants are administered by the DNR Urban and Community Forestry Program. Trees improve environmental quality and the quality of life in urban, suburban and rural communities. The program is designed to increase the number and variety of properly planted trees in municipalities and maintain those trees in good health. The program also assists communities where ash trees have been devastated by the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. The US Forest Service commended DTE Energy and the

DNR for the creative partnership of this tree planting program, which has reached a milestone of more than 20 million trees planted in Michigan. Grants up to \$3,000 each are awarded on a competitive basis and will be rated based on the quality of the project. Eligible projects include parks, right-of-ways, cities, streets, nature study areas, and school ground plantings occurring on public lands. All grants require matching funds of at least 50 percent. The match may be made up of cash contributions or in-kind services, but may not include federal or State funds. Grant applications must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2003 to be given funding consideration. Applicants must be located within the service territories of Detroit Edison or MichCon, subsidiaries of DTE Energy. Projects must be completed by Dec. 31, 2004. To obtain a grant application or more information, contact Kevin Sayers, Urban and Community Forester, at 517-241-4632, DNR Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, PO Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952, or click here.

MASTER GARDENER NEWS

Garden House Press, a new publisher, is seeking manuscripts of personal essays for a gardening

**anthology on the topic,
GARDENING AT A DEEPER LEVEL:
HEALTH, WHOLENESS AND EDUCATION**

The editors are looking for essays that go deeper than the concepts of gardening as decorating or landscaping. We are interested in writing that explores the impact or significance of gardening on individual lives and the human community.

- Deadline for submissions: March 21, 2004
- Essays should be double space and not longer than 4000 words. Short pieces are welcome.

– Projected Date of Publication:
November 30, 2004

Send manuscripts with SASE to:
Garden House Press
PO Box 321, Trenton, Ohio 45067
gardenhousepress@aol.com

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Virginia Longmire, Master Gardener

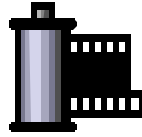


New FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY

To assist groups sponsored by MSUE to be good stewards of public dollars, new policy has been developed for fundraising and account keeping.

If your Macomb County MSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Project involves any form of fundraising (or if you are planning to do so) and if you are keeping an account dedicated to your project, make an appointment with Sandra or Hannah to get everything worked out.

PHOTO CONTEST FOR MACOMB MASTER GARDENERS



Remember to keep your camera handy all season long to capture those special moments in your garden. The photos will be displayed at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet, winners are chosen by a majority vote. First, second and third place winners get a ribbon and win a gift certificate from Ray Weigands Nursery.

This year first place prize went to Anne Crotser, second place went to Pamela Pfropper and Dianne Granthen took third place.

Congratulations and thank you for participating.

We accept non-published and not matted, mounted or framed, 8 x 10 photos. We request a dollar donation per entry.

MACOMB MASTER GARDENER

NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE!!

LOG ON THE MACOMB MSUE WEB SITE AT

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!

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Dear Macomb MSUE Master Gardener Volunteer,
The new year is upon us and with it there are some exciting changes and opportunities for Macomb Master Gardeners. I would like to invite you to join the brand new electronic mailing list. The list will provide you with weekly online Master Gardener news from the Macomb MSU Extension. It gives us the ability to inform you of educational events and volunteer opportunities. I am editor of the list and will screen the messages to be sure you are getting only those that do not sell products or services or promote any specific businesses. I will strive to provide you with the same unbiased, educational information that MSU Extension is renown for. Wishing you a happy, healthy, well connected New Year!

Sandra Goeddeke-Richards
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Here's the general information for the list:

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PURPOSE: Communication for Macomb County Master Gardeners

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OCTAGARDEN UPDATE



Nancy Sisco and Andrea DiPaola have resigned their leadership positions in the MSUE Octagarden

Project. We would like to thank them for their time and effort this year. To volunteer for MSUE Master Gardener community service hours at the Octagarden in 2004, please contact Martha Nitz at (586)677-3506 or marthanitz@comcast.net; or Sandra Richards at the Master Gardener office, richards@msue.msu.edu. If you adopted a garden in 2003, please call Martha immediately, to verify that you will enthusiastically embrace the job again in 2004 or not. Planning meetings will be held in January and February. All Master Gardeners are welcome and encourage to show up and help this wonderful community project move forward.